



U.S. Air Force Photo Senior Airman John Parie

Clowns from the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey entertained youth at the Youth Center Friday.

KNIGHTS

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"One other things that was extremely important that night was we said goodbye to departing commanders: Colonel (Mark) Baker, Colonel (Eugene) Willett, Lt. Col. (Mike) Murphy, Lt. Col. (Todd) White and Lt. Col. (Robert) Marrazzo are all leaving. We put together a special video tribute to them. It was really fun to run through that as well," said Colonel Snell.

Although the "Knights of the Round Table" was only open to squadron and group commanders, many other organizations on base played an important role in the set up.

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron was responsible for the actual round table, which was brought in several pieces

and assembled on top of tables already located at the Columbus Club.

Multimedia was responsible for the video tributes played for the departing commanders.

There were also eight to ten student pilots who helped out with various tasks from valet parking to setting up the event.

The CAFB Honor Guard paid tribute to those who have served and where lost before us.

And the Columbus Club staff served a "great meal" as they were dressed in periodic costumes provided by the Mississippi State University drama department.

Tim Gordon, a bagpiper from Fathers of Waters Pipes and Drums in Jackson, Miss., played the bagpipes throughout the event.

The next Knights of the Round Table will take place in the fall of 2007 or early 2008.

Can you help

Submitted by **Connie Lisowski**
14th Flying Training Wing historian

CAFB is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year and is seeking historical items such as photographs, newspaper clippings, graduation programs and other memorabilia. We are particularly lacking in items from the California Eastern Airways, 1950s, and Strategic Air Command, late 1950s and 1960s, eras. A few specific items we would like to receive are a CEA instructor hat, a photograph of the base's first KC-135 named the "State of Mississippi," the first B-52 named the "City of Columbus," photos of the base as it was being built, photos of the civilian conservation corps camp and the C&G bus which ran from Columbus to the base in the 1940s. Copies can be made of photographs and clippings and the originals returned to their owners. Please provide a short explanation of the photos, such as names of individuals and what the photo is from. The items will be used in a 65th anniversary publication and in permanent displays depicting the distinguished history of the base. Anyone interested in contributing items should call Connie Lisowski at (662) 434-7098 or send them to the following address:

14 FTW/HO
555 Seventh Street, Suite 144
Columbus AFB, MS 39710-1000

Be sure to include name and return address for items to be returned.

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

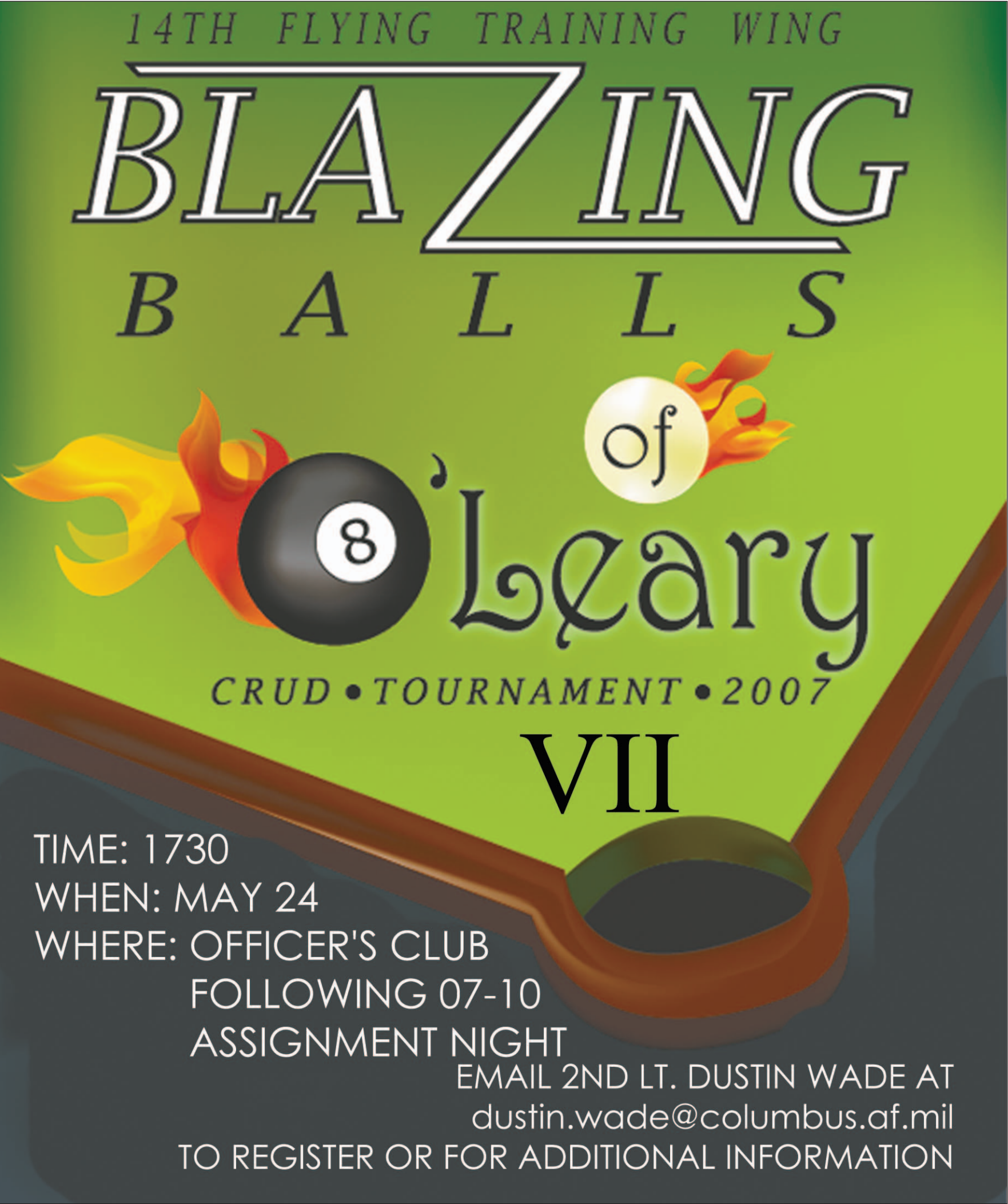
Congratulations reenlistees

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the most recent Air Force reenlistees:

Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey, 14th Mission Support Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Mary Baxter**, 14th Comptroller Squadron; **Senior Airman Everett Cooper**, 14th Operations Group; **Staff Sgt. Iris Catala-Cotto**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; **Senior Airman Michael Godlweski**, 14th Security Forces Squadron; **Master Sgt. David Hicks**, 14th Mission Support Squadron; **Senior Airman Tess Kelly**, 14th Comptroller Squadron; and **Senior Airman Cody Pitts**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron.



The 14th Security Forces Squadron took part in the Adopt-A-Highway program April 27. Members of the squadron participated in a clean up on the 1.6 mile stretch of Highway 45 they have adopted. This stretch on Highway 45 covers from Johnny Bishop RV Center to the Chevron station.



Find the base ...
AMC, Vol. 2

Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing

ACROSS

1. 18th AF
4. Russian space station
7. Precursor to AMC
10. Fiddling ruler
11. CBS TV show
12. Ocean bivalve
14. Sword
15. Discard
16. ____ Bend Auxiliary Air Field, Ariz.
17. Flightless bird
18. Chinese Chairman
20. Antelope
22. Perform
24. Snakelike fish
25. USAF rank
26. ____ Lanka
27. Org. associated with Ballistic Missile Defense
28. Spy org.
29. X
30. Bid
32. First person
35. British royalty
36. Meal in the field
39. Grazing land
40. Zero

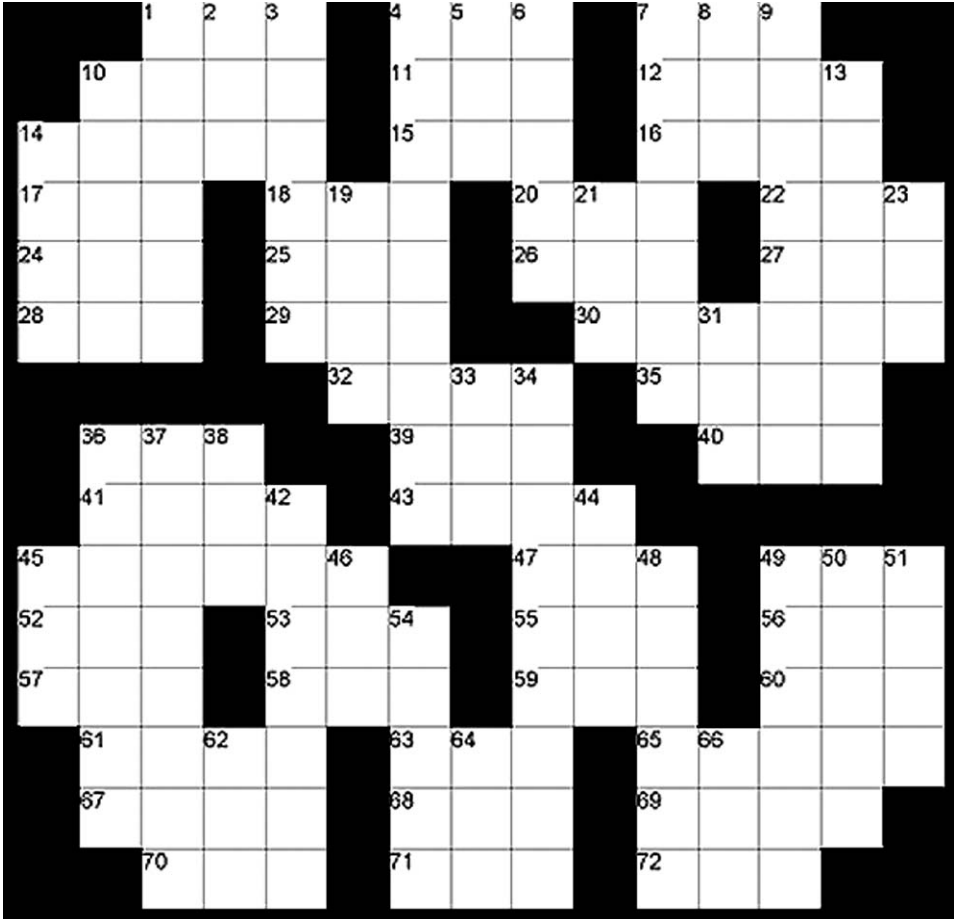
41. Soda
43. Viking Ericsson
45. Performing
47. ____ de Janeiro
49. Faucet
52. Fed. agency that insures resi-
dential mortgages
53. Expire
55. News outlet
56. Lament
57. Small child
58. Fink
59. Carve
60. Terminate
61. From memory
63. News outlet
65. Blacksmith's item
67. Puffed on

68. State home to the 436th AW
(Dover), in brief
69. Horse riding need
70. Affirmative
71. Terminate
72. ____ Moines

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1. Galaxy sight
2. Exist
3. Disc requirement
4. AMC base home to the 22nd
ARW
5. Love ____ Many Splendored
Thing
6. Saturn objects

7. AMC base home to the 305th
AMW
8. The Greatest
9. Seafood dish
10. Monikers
13. AMC base home to the 6th
AMW
14. Observe
19. Iowa city
21. Nat.'l satellite org.
23. *The Joy Luck Club* writer
Amy
31. Anchorman Rather
33. Appomattox figure
34. AMC base home to the 92nd
ARW
36. AMC base home to the 62nd
AW
37. Passing in succession
38. Inventor Whitney
42. AMC base home to the 316th
WG and 89th AW
44. Wonderful
45. Back of the boat
46. Jolie film
48. Ahead
49. AMC base home to the 60th
AMW
50. Plant growth hormone
51. Strip off
54. Musical piece
62. Golf prop
64. Author
66. Formerly



AAFES dividends benefit MWR for BLAZE Team

Submitted by Thomas
Kuttamperoor

AAFES

Shoppers who exercised their exchange benefit at the BX, online at www.aafes.com or over the phone through the Exchange Catalog last year helped make the military community a better place as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service delivered more than \$228 million in support of Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs in 2006. These contributions to America's military represented an average per capita dividend of \$229 for every Soldier and Airman, in addition to the div-

idends AAFES paid to the Navy and Marine Corps.

"AAFES' dual mission is to provide goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support MWR programs," said the Columbus AFB BX's General Manager Thomas Kuttamperoor. "AAFES is a major non-pay benefit to today's military because the dollars troops and their families spend in their exchange generates a healthy return on investment that directly improves critical quality of life services."

Purchases made by Airmen at the BX, Shoppette, Taco Bell and other AAFES activities at Columbus AFB last year gen-

erated a dividend of \$267,018. These funds are critical to Air Force Service's ability to enhance local MWR programs and facilities including Bowling Center, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Fitness and sports Center.

Historically, roughly two-thirds of AAFES earnings are paid to MWR programs. In the past 10 years, more than \$2.4 billion has been contributed by AAFES to military quality of life improvements.

In addition to funding MWR programs, AAFES earnings are used to build new stores or renovate existing facilities without expense to the Federal government. In

fact, funds to contract new or replacement facilities also come entirely from sales of merchandise and services.

"The bottom line is that every time troops shop their exchange, a portion of their purchase goes towards supporting MWR programs, facilities and non-appropriated fund construction projects," said Kuttamperoor. "Seeing the financial benefit this, and other military communities, reap makes the day-to-day challenges of delivering the exchange benefit worth the commitment and sacrifice needed to operate efficiently, and maximize the investment military families at Columbus AFB making in their BX."

DOD blocks 12 popular Internet sites to protect grid

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are blocking access to many popular Internet sites from department-owned computers due to bandwidth issues, U.S. Strategic Command officials said May 14.

Joint Task Force Global Network Operations members, who direct the operation and defense of DOD's global information grid to assure timely and secure capabilities in support of the department's warfighting, intelligence, and business missions, blocked 12 popular sites on government computers beginning May 14.

The sites are: youtube.com, pandora.com, photobucket.com, mspace.com, live365.com, hi5.com, metacafe.com, mtv.com, ifilm.com, blackplanet.com, stupidvideos.com and filecabi.com.

The popularity of the sites has not affected operations yet, but blocking them prevents them from causing such a problem, officials said.

"It is a proactive measure. We do not want a problem with demand for these sites clogging the networks," a U.S. Strategic Command official said.

The blocks affect only DOD computers and local area networks that are part of the department's global information grid. The department has more than 15,000 local

and regional networks and more than 5 million computers in the grid.

Department officials said they are not making a judgment about the sites. Blocking the sites "is in no way a comment on the content, purpose or uses of the Web sites themselves," the official said. "It is solely a bandwidth/network management issue."

Officials with a need to access these sites from government computers can request exceptions to the policy. Global network operations officials will continue to assess the stresses and strains on the global information grid, and may add or subtract sites as needed, officials said.

Lost in a sea of heroes

Colonel Eugene Willett

14th Mission Support Group Commander

He had just survived a failed river crossing. The enemy bullets buzzed over the shallow hole he was lying in. The explosions were deafening. But, he was relatively safe and unharmed. He had made it back from the river alive. Catching his breath, he quickly rolled on to his stomach, positioning his rifle over the mound of earth protecting him; he took a quick glance toward the river. Floating face down in the murky brown waters was a Marine. With no thought for his own safety he bolted from the damp sanctuary toward the river. Under heavy enemy fire he scrambled into the muddy water, grabbed the Marine by his web belt and shirt and dragged him to safety. On that day in October 1950, my step-father, Marine Pfc. Robert Rea, earned the Bronze Star for valor and the title of hero. A title bestowed upon him by his country and the brave men who served with him. But, this article is not about my stepfather; it is about how the word hero is being misused today. In today's world everyone is a hero, especially in the



military. How often have you heard civilians say that all the men and women in uniform are heroes? They look in awe at us who voluntarily put our lives at risk for our country and they call us heroes. God bless these civilians for recognizing the sacrifices we make, but they are wrong. We are not all heroes. Only a few of us are real heroes. Only a few of us have earned the honor of being called a hero. Those few earned the title through their exceptional deeds, like my stepfather. But, it is not the civilian misuse of the word that concerns me most; it is the military misuse of it.

This July I will have served 29 years in the military, but that doesn't make me a hero. My father served 27 years, and he wasn't a hero either. Neither was my grandfather who served in Europe during World War I. Nor was my great-great grandfather who died in the Civil War. They all served honorably and some suffered greatly. I am sure many of your relatives were there with them, doing the best they could in very difficult circumstances. I am very proud of each and every one of my family members who served. But, although I am proud of them, and they hold a special place in my heart; there is

still only one hero in my family – my stepfather.

I cringe when I hear military men and women bestow the title of hero upon those who have not earned it. The frivolous use of the word takes something very precious away from the real heroes. It erodes the special place of honor they earned the right to stand upon. A place of honor that is theirs' and theirs' alone, not to be shared by others. The real heroes of the past and present are in jeopardy of being lost in a crowd of heroes. Their deeds marginalized. Their title meaningless.

It is not my intent to take anything away from those who served before us and those that are serving now. But, our real heroes did something so special and honorable that we can not allow them to be lost in the crowd. We can not allow the word hero to become another meaningless word. We must be very cautious about who we bestow this honor upon. Real heroes are too precious to be cast adrift in a sea of heroes.

Note: In case you are wondering what happened to my stepfather, he went on to earn a second Bronze Star for valor at the Chosin Reservoir and was finally wounded so badly in December 1951 that he was medivaced back to the States. After about a year recovering from his wounds he was medically discharged from the Marine Corps.

The men who don't come home

Senior Airman Paul Ross

116th Air Control Wing

ROBINS AFB, Ga. — I went to visit my brother this weekend. He's a typical 18-year-old; cocky and arrogant with plenty of spit and vinegar flowing through his veins.

As a recent graduate of Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., he is now a crucial piece in the backbone of the U.S. military and one of the key factors in this country's war on terrorism.

I have a great deal of pride in my brother. The youngest of four boys and second youngest of six kids, he was always finding himself in situations that required disciplinary action. This led teachers and faculty members to ultimately decide, like they do with most troublesome youths, that he wouldn't amount to much more than a convict or

a vagabond. At some point my friends started a betting pool for at what age he would be when he ended up incarcerated. Much to his teachers' disbelief, no one has won the money.

It's almost amusing to think that in a short time he will be aboard a plane, taking the 12-hour flight across the Atlantic with only one intention in mind: to protect the freedoms of every citizen of the United States of America, including the same folks who wrote him off as a waste of their time and efforts.

In all the conversations I've had with my brother, I have never heard him speak with as much passion and enthusiasm as he does when he discusses the infantry. He could talk for hours about the various weapons he has been trained to fire or about the proper way to enter a building full of potential threats. I have my wife and daughter, but his heart

belongs to the Army.

As we were sitting in my hotel room the night of his graduation, he spoke of his excitement to get wherever the Army needs him and to get his hands dirty helping combat the war on terrorism. I thought to myself, "It's a good thing there are men like my brother or we wouldn't have any freedoms to fight for."

At that moment I realized he was now a man and not my little brother. He wasn't the same 10-year-old who I used to pick on and shun when my buddies came around. This man was going to protect my daughter's freedoms, my wife's liberties and my American way of life.

The world is filled with all sorts of men — men who agree with war and those who disagree. There are men like my father, with more blue on his collar

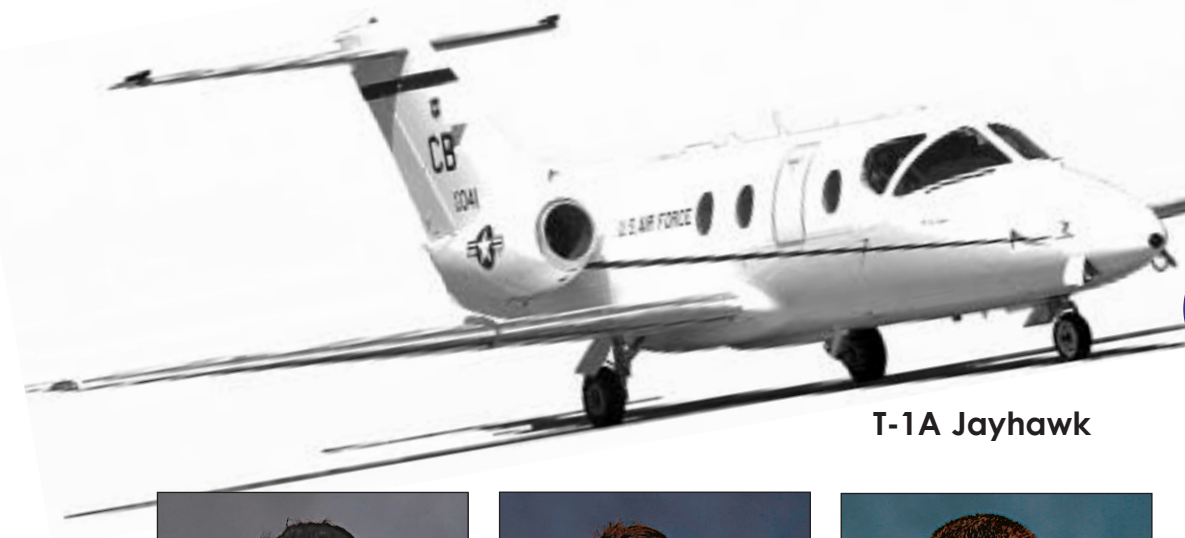
than in a clear day's sky, who find solace in the factory. There are men who grow up to heal the sick and men meant to lead countries. There are men, much like myself, who feel safer behind a pen and pad of paper than with an M-16 slung over their shoulders. And then there are men like my brother — men who are willing to give their most valuable possession in order to keep our way of life intact.

There is no dishonor for those of us lacking the same vim and vigor to tramp though the streets of Baghdad and put our lives on the line. But next time you are enjoying a day with your family or relaxing on your living room couch, remember the men like my brother, the men who still so closely resemble boys, the men who grow up too quickly, the men who fight for freedom, the men who sometimes don't come home.

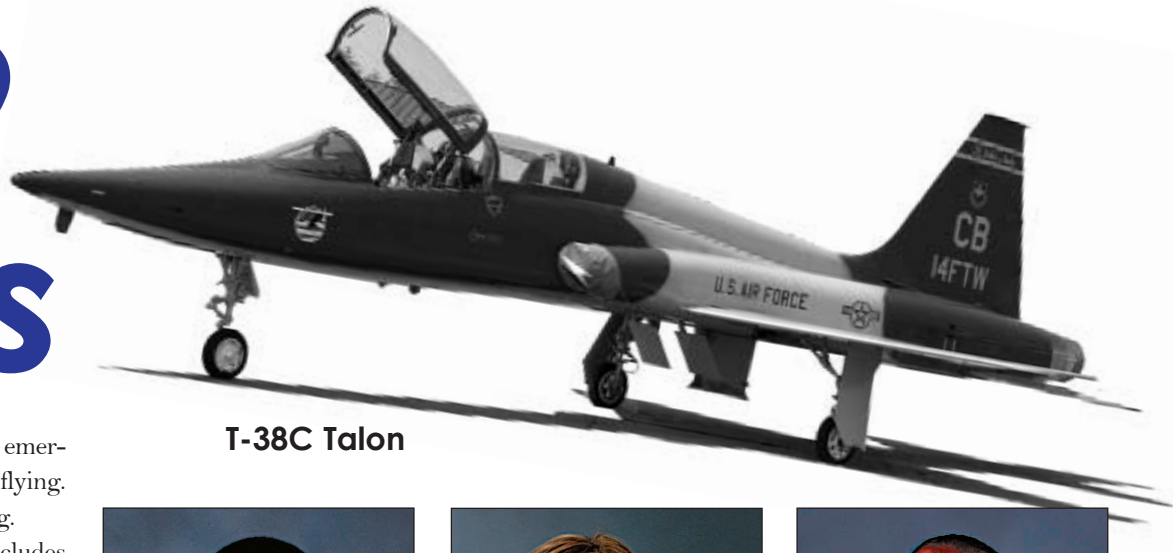
The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program recognizes and rewards good ideas. Individuals, teams or groups can submit ideas on how the Air Force can accomplish something faster, better or cheaper at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>. People can save the Air Force money and earn cash rewards for their ideas. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rhonda Knipmeyer at 434-2354.

14TH FLYING TRAINING
WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **62 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed** worldwide. Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 07-09 earns silver wings



1st Lt. Giovanni Fiorillo
Caserta, Italy



2nd Lt. Thomas Bockrath
Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Adam Bushore
Oak Park, Calif.
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Derek Grenier
Hollywood, Fla.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Jessica Hietpas
Terry, Mont.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Benjamin Hollett
Plymouth, Ind.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Jonathan McPhilamy
Mishawaka, Ind.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Eric Medsger
Indiana, Penn.
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Jonathan O'Dell
Downers Grove, Ill.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Rallo
Succasunna, N.J.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Anthony Rendon
Virginia Beach, Va.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Brian Sawyers
Boulder, Colo.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Erik Swanson
Katy, Texas (ANG)
KC-135, McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn.



2nd Lt. Mark Vahle
Saint Louis, Mo.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Matthew Williams
Raleigh, N.C. (AFRC)
KC-135, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Twenty-three officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 07-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Major Gen. Michael Gould is Commander, 2nd Air Force, Keesler AFB, Miss. He is responsible for the development, oversight and direction of all operational aspects of basic military training, initial skills training, and advanced technical training for Air Force enlisted and support officers.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Derek Grenier, T-1, and Mark Vahle, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Jonathan O'Dell, T-1A, and 2nd Lt. Jessica Hietpas, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Grenier and Vahle were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A

Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying.

Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

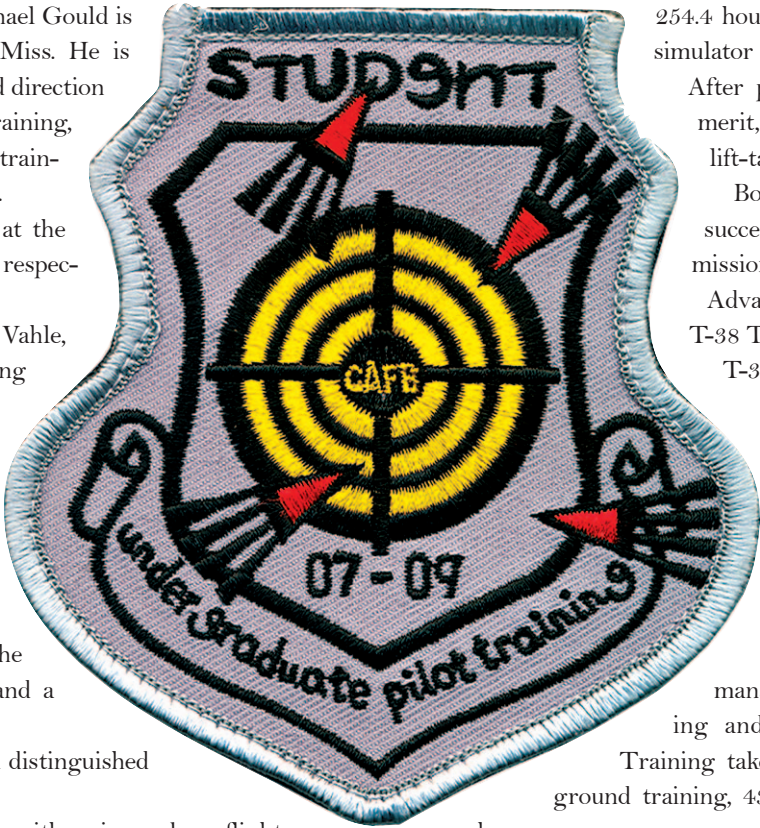
The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying

hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Leigh Mall and GNC at the Leigh Mall.)*



Auditions for “The Jungle Book” set for June 11

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Ever been abandoned in the jungle, adopted by wolves, taught by a bear, befriended by a panther and chased by a tiger? Enjoy this musical adaptation of “The Jungle Book” at the base theater at 3 p.m. June 16. Over 50 base children in grades one through 12 are needed to fill roles and work “behind the scenes” and may audition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 11 at the base theater.

The Missoula Children’s Theatre provides a week-long performing arts camp with rehearsals every day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. depending on the role the child has been selected for.

The Missoula Children’s Theater has been touring for more than 30 years, visiting nearly 1,100 communities annually in all 50 states, four Canadian provinces and

overseas. Their mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts. Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique and educational project. According to Jami Marion, Youth Center director, “A team of two professional tour actors/directors arrives with scenery, costumes, props, make-up and basic lighting . . . everything it takes to put on a play - except, the cast. The children will rehearse throughout the week, learning lines, songs and choreography to perform as an ensemble in producing this full-length musical.”

An experienced piano player is needed for the Missoula Children’s Theater for the week of June 11 through 16 for rehearsals and for the performance. The musical score is available for practice at the youth center.

For more information about this unique opportunity to learn another life skill, contact the youth center at 434-2504.



Services: Providing CAFB food, fun, entertainment

Pool opens May 26: The base swimming pool, located next to the Columbus Club, is opening for the season May 26. The pool will be open from noon to 7 p.m. seven days a week. Season passes can be purchased at outdoor recreation or at the pool. Daily rates are \$2 for eligible users or \$3 for non-family guests. For more information, call 434-2507.

Go hog wild: The base library’s summer reading program registration is June 10 to 16 and is open to grades one through six. The summer long program ends July 25 and meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 434-2934.

Club scholarship program: Need money for college? Air Force clubs can help. Club members and their dependents may apply by writing an essay on “Why is air superiority critical today.” Each entrant is required to submit an essay of no more than 500 words and must be submitted by June 15 to the Services Director at 14 MSG/SVK. Applications can be obtained at the club or the base education office. For more information, call 434-2490.

Attention all boat renters: Effective immediately, if you were born after June 30, 1980 and would like to rent a boat from outdoor recreation, you must go on line to www.boat-ed.com to receive a Mississippi State boater certification. For more information, call 434-2507.

Veterinary clinic open: The veterinary clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday for appointments and vet-

erinarian visits. Call 434-2281 for more information.

Arena football trips: The Information, Ticket and Travel office offers a trip to New Orleans, July 27 to 29 for the Arena Bowl XVI game. Cost is \$175 per person and includes transportation, game ticket and two night’s lodging, double occupancy, at the Ameri-Host Inn. A \$50 deposit is due by June 2. Limited seating is available, so register early. For more information, call 434-7857.


Adult and youth crafts classes: The arts and crafts center offers adult classes Tuesdays and youth classes Wednesdays. Upcoming adult classes include making a wooden flag wall hanging, a mosaic bird bath, a bee pot windchime, a doggie pot garden statue, a patriotic wall hanging and a small planter box.

Youth classes include making a popsicle stick US flag, decorate a chalk board, a wooden garden bunny, a father’s day gift, a busy bee hanging and a mini flag door hanging.

A display of all projects is available in the center’s lobby. For more information, call 434-7836.

Breakfast burritos: The mobile snack bar van has breakfast burritos available Monday through Friday mornings from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Watch for the van and flag it down if you would like to purchase one. Cost is \$1.75 each. Breakfast burritos are also available at the bowling center. For more information, call 434-2426.

The Driftors



Courtesy Photo

This legendary group will be at the Columbus Club Saturday. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$12 for club members or \$14 for nonmembers. Food will be available for purchase from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 434-2490.

Lunchtime take out orders available Monday through Thursday
Call in starts at 10:30 a.m. with pick up 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Club members receive a \$1 Discount

Cheese Pizza	\$5.00
Pepperoni Pizza	\$5.50
Three Meat Pizza pepperoni, sausage and hamburger ...	\$6.50
Deluxe Pizza pepperoni, sausage & hamburger	\$6.50
Philly cheese steak with fries	\$6.95
Hot roast beef and Swiss sandwich on an onion roll with fries	\$6.95
Chef Salad	\$6.95
Happy Burger with Fries	\$6.95
Taco Salad	\$6.95

Daily Blue Plate Specials with rolls . .	\$6.25
Monday - meat loaf, rice & gravy & chef’s vegetables	
Tuesday - schnitzel with yager sauce, German potato salad and chef’s vegetables	
Wednesday - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and country gravy and chef’s vegetables	
Thursday - barbecue pulled pork, corn on the cob and slaw	

Call 434-2419

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Contemporary Worship Service
10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service

All are invited to a fellowship dinner following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Thursday
8 p.m. — SUPT Wives Bible Study

Saturday
10 a.m. — Praise Team Practice

Catholic

Sunday:
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:30 p.m. — Mass

All are invited to a fellowship dinner following the 5:30 p.m. service the first Sunday of each month. There will not be a fellowship dinner next month.

Monday:
11:30 a.m. — Daily Mass

Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. — Daily Mass

Thursday:
11:30 a.m. — Daily Mass
5 p.m. — Choir practice

Friday:
11:30 a.m. — Daily Mass

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor’s note: *All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434- 2790.)*

Bundles Of Joy

This event, happening Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m., is for Active Duty military and/or spouses assigned to Columbus AFB who are pregnant or have a child up to 4 months of age. There will be informational speakers on finances, infant care and labor and delivery. Participant will also receive an AFAS program that provides a gift package valued at more than \$65 for ADAF. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

Just take a taste



U.S. Air Force Photo

Lousia Gerber, wife of Colonel Dave Gerber, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, enjoys a food tasting in honor the month of May being Asian-Pacific Heritage Month at the Chapel Annex. Volunteers cooked food for the BLAZE Team to sample.

Heart Link Social

This social is for Spouses new to CAFB or to the military lifestyle and will take place June 26 from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. This fun-filled spouse social program is filled with information, snacks and prizes. It is a great way to meet other new Columbus AFB spouses. Participants should bring the Spouse 101 binder. Sign up for the free lunch and festivities and also receive a graduation coin from the Commander. Vouchers for child care are available. Socials are only offered every other month, and seating is limited. To sign up, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 434-2790.

Local Employment Workshop

Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. there will be a workshop for information not only on possible job opportunities, but info on creating great resumes, cover letters and interviewing techniques. The next two classes are being held Wednesday and May 30. Participants can bring a resume for review. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 434-2839 for more information.

Hearts Apart

Hearts Apart Social will take place Thursday at 5:30 p.m. This is a gathering for families of deployed or remote personnel. There will be information, refreshments and prizes. For more information, call 434-2790.

Base Notes

Youth Physicals

The 14th Medical Group will conduct sports and camp physicals Saturday. These physicals are good for one year, so youth playing sports within the next year will need one. Call the clinic at 434-2273 to schedule an appointment. Or visit www.tricareonline.com and select the visit reason as school physicals. An appointment is required for this service.

Vacation Bible School

CAFB Chapel presents "Avalanche Ranch" Vacation Bible School, June 4 through 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed, please see your supervisor for Permissive TDY information to join in on the fun. Look for information at cafbbvs2007.com opened Monday or call 434-2500 and speak with Denise Bowlan or Ida Hall. Youth interested in attending may sign up at the base exchange May 19 and 26 from 9 a.m. to noon or by visiting cafbbvs2007.com.

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive sponsored by the 14th Medical Group and United Blood Services on Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. This is a no-fly day and the beginning of a 3-day weekend, so pilots will be able to donate and receive the required 72 hours of rest prior to resuming

flying, as mandated by AFI 48-123. All donors will receive a free T-Shirt and a chance to win a prize. Every donor who gives blood in the month of May is going to be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 travel voucher. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Capt. Daryl White at 434-2123 or 2nd Lt. Shirrisha Peake at 434-2731.

Nursing Board

The deadline to submit applications for the new Air Force nursing commissioning program is June 25. For more information on the program or how to submit an application, contact Col. Amy McDaniels at amy.mcdaniels@pentagon.af.mil or call DSN 754-1801.

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current week’s puzzle on page 5)



Culinary Camp for kids: Mississippi University for Women Culinary Arts presents this camp for students who have completed grades two through 12 by May. The camp will be in four sessions with the first beginning June 4 and the last beginning June 25. There is a \$200 camp fee. For more information, call 241-7472.

Poker Run on the River: The Columbus Marina will host its 5th Annual "Poker Run on the River" June 2 at the Marina. This year's theme is "Pirates on the Tenn-Tom" and for the first-time, participants will have a chance to win

\$25,000. Pre-registration is underway and costs \$50, if done by today and includes a T-shirt, one dinner, a chance to win the "Pirates Mystery Hand," plus opportunities for additional cash and other prizes. Late registration fee will be \$60. This year's run will be limited to only 260 entries. For more information, call Francis Kemp at the YMCA at (662) 328-7696.

Discover Columbus: The Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau is celebrating National Tourism and National Preservation Month. This event is headquartered

at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center and will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Among the events scheduled are free historic home tours, race car exhibits from Magnolia and Columbus speedways, live entertainment such as Keith and Margie, bass fishing exhibits, Tenn-Tom Waterway exhibit and food sampling. Upon arrival at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center, guest will be given a punch card and directions to all participating attractions. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (800) 327-2686

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one) Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Lighting the way



U.S. Air Force Photo by Elizabeth Owens

Colonel Eugene Willett, 14th Mission Support Group commander, and 22 members of the 14th Security Forces Squadron take part in the 26th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Tuesday. The Law Enforcement Torch Run raises awareness and funds for the Special Olympics. The 14th SFS participated in the Mississippi portion of the run after receiving the torch from the Lowndes County Police Department.

MLB team honors military service

Story and Photo by Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Washington Nationals baseball team saluted the military during an evening pre-game program May 11 that featured fireworks, a group enlistment and servicemembers tossing ceremonial pitches.

Military Appreciation Night activities held at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium here also included Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon R. England, who met with Army, Marine, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard members in attendance.

Afterward, Secretary England and his military and civilian staff took in the game between the Nationals and the Florida Marlins.

"This is wonderful. I was just talking to all the new recruits, asking them what they're going to do in the military," Secretary England said. "I told them this is a great, great time to be joining the military. First, it's a great career and it's a great opportunity to serve their country at the same time."

Twelve recruits — three Air Force, five Navy and four Army — took oaths of enlistment in a ceremony presided over by Lt. Gen. (Dr.) James G. Roudebush, the Air Force surgeon general.

"They've made a commitment to serve our nation, something much bigger than themselves or any of us," General Roudebush said of the new servicemembers. "I think it's a tribute to these young men and women that the Washington Nationals and Major League Baseball would make this opportunity possible."

Additionally, Major League Baseball teams often send players to visit with deployed servicemembers overseas, the general pointed out.

Jessica Lee, 18, an Army recruit from Waldorf, Md., said she joined the military because she wants to help to safeguard America's way of life.

"I joined because I strongly believe in freedom and I don't believe that you should leave (defending) it up to everyone else," Ms. Lee said.

After the enlistment ceremony, Army Sgt. 1st Class David Nimmers, Marine Sgt. Landon Fielder, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David Pino, Air Force Airman 1st Class Randy Lopez and Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Edwards each threw one ceremonial pitch.

One of the National's founding partners, Alphonso Maldon Jr., a retired Army officer and a former assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, also was on hand to greet the servicemembers.

The Nationals' salute to the military "is absolutely one of the best things that we do," Mr. Maldon said, noting America's servicemembers are deployed to places like Afghanistan and Iraq to defend freedom.

The Nationals are among the more than 250 businesses and organizations nationwide that participate in the Defense Department's America Supports You program, which recognizes citizens' support for military men and women and communicates that support to members of the U.S. armed forces here and abroad.



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Sports Shorts

3-on-3 Basketball: The Fitness Center will be hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday starting at 10 a.m. This event is open to both men and women. Sign up with Airman 1st Class Lamesha Meeks no later than today. For more information, call 434-2772.

Steak & No Tap Bowling Tournament: This fun tournament starts at 7 p.m. today and dinner is served starting at 6 p.m. Entry is \$20 per person and includes bowling, prize fund and a steak dinner. Register by 4 p.m. the day before the tournament. For more information or to register, call 434-2426.

7-on-7 Football: There will be a 7-on-7 football tournament Friday, hosted by the Fitness Center. To sign up call Senior Airman Montez Robinson at 434-2795 by Saturday.

Tug of War: There will be a 8-on-8 Supervisor vs. Airman Tug of War contest May 31 at 4:30 p.m. This event is open to Airmen E-1 through E-4 and their Supervisors. Sign up with Airman 1st Class Kreiger at the Fitness Center by May 29. For more information, call 434-2775.

Thursday Scrambles: The Whispering Pines Golf Course offers these fun scrambles Thursdays at 4:45 p.m. but you must register by 4 p.m. to participate. Entry is \$5 per person plus greens fees. All levels of golfers will enjoy this weekly 9-hole tournament. Call 434-7932 for more information.

Three Club Tournament: Select three clubs of your choice and enter this 18-hole tournament Saturday at 8 a.m. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees. Register at golf pro shop or call 434-7932 for more information.

3rd Annual Heart to Heart Hospice Tournament: This 18 hole tournament will take place June 9 at the Elm Lake Golf Course in Columbus, Miss. All proceeds from this event will benefit Heart to Heart Hospice Patient Care Fund. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. with the tournament beginning at 8 a.m. There will be a \$75 entry fee for every player, or \$300 per team. For more information, call (662) 615-1519.

Fun Run Winners

Congratulations to the May Fun Run winners. The female winner was **2nd Lt. Stephanie Nichols**, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron. **Second Lt. Dwight Rabe**, 14th Operations Support Squadron, SUPT class 08-09, was the male winner.